

The Bethel News.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1904.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

SHEETING

These cold days are a good time to make up your spring supply of sheets and pillow slips. Cotton goods of all kinds seem to be on the rise and sheetings may be higher.

Unbleached Cottons.

36 inch Olympia,	6 cents
36 inch Constitution,	6 1/2 cents
36 inch Lockwood,	7 cents
40 inch Olympia and Constitution,	7 1/2 cents
40 inch Lockwood,	8 cents
42 inch Lockwood and Constitution,	10 cents

Something New.

Have you seen those long sleeved shop aprons? Made from dark print in good sizes and length, 50c.

Shirt Waist Bargains.

We have many good values left in shirt waists. Here are two of them.

ONE LOT Waists made from good Scotch Flannels, in light colors, this season's style, were \$1.98, now 98 cents.

ONE LOT of fine French Flannel, in light and dark colors, good style, well made, were \$2.50, now \$1.49.

Dress Making.

Don't you need a new dress or waist made, or your old one fixed over for the Company D Ball in March? We can do it for you. First-class work at reasonable prices.

Thomas Smiley
Telephone 112-2.

NORWAY MAINE.

If in need of a

HAT

Don't miss the chance of getting one. Prices from 10 cents up.

I carry some of the best makes in
CORSETS,
50 cents and \$1.00

New Styles in Neckwear.

A Full Line of

Ladies' Furnishings.
Belts, 19c, 25c, and 50c.

L. M. STEARNS,
Main St., Bethel, Me.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.,

of London, England.

(Incorporated 1836.)

Amount at Risk, \$500,000.00

Capital Assets, Dec. 31, 1903, \$150,000.00

Real Estate owned by the Company, \$100,000.00

Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first lien), \$100,000.00

Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, \$100,000.00

Cash in Company's principal office and in Bank, \$100,000.00

Interest due and accrued, \$100,000.00

Other items of Assets, \$100,000.00

Premiums in due course of collection, \$100,000.00

LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903, \$150,000.00

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$100,000.00

Reserve for Re-insurance, \$100,000.00

Commitments and other demands against the Company, \$100,000.00

All liabilities except Capital Stock and Capital paid up in Cash, none in the United States.

Surplus beyond Capital, \$100,000.00

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mrs. A. F. Copeland is in Bangor for a few days.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Gilman Bean Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Daniel Libby of Bryant's Pond, was in the village, Thursday.

Judge A. E. Herrick attended Probate Court at Rumford Falls last week.

The W. C. T. U. will observe Frances Willard day next Tuesday afternoon.

The friends of Mr. Charles Mason are pleased to learn of his continued gain.

Miss Essie Bowker of Bryant Pond, has been a guest of Miss Bessie Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Jordan are attending the State W. R. C. Convention at Bangor.

Mr. George Barrett of Portland, spent Sunday with his father and sister on High street.

Four of our young people have boarded the craft for St. Louis and yet there is room for more.

Miss Frye who recently solicited aid for the Children's Home in Augusta secured sixty dollars in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coolidge will soon move into their new home on Church street which they recently purchased of Mrs. Edw. King.

There will be a supper followed by an entertainment, and social at the Universalist chapel Monday evening, Feb. 22. Supper 25 cents. All are invited.

Wilbert Barker came near losing one of his horses one of those cold days last week by getting swamped in the meadow, but the timely assistance of a neighboring team saved it. He too, came near freezing his feet.

Many of our people will be pleased to learn that Prescille is to return to Bethel for a two evening engagement. Arrangements have been made to this effect and he will appear on the evenings of Feb. 20 and Mar. 1 under the auspices of the Volunteer Hose Co.

Mr. M. F. Coolidge met with quite a serious accident Monday morning. When going into the stall to feed his son's horses, they became frightened of the tin pall which he carried on his arm and jumped, knocking him down and kicking him on his back and leg making a bad wound. Dr. Twaddle attends him.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Porter Stearns, in South Paris village, at high noon last Wednesday, occurred the marriage of Miss Joan Stearns and Eben Shaw Kilborn, both of Bethel. With the exception of Hon. A. E. Herrick, only the immediate relatives were present. Rev. A. D. Colson, pastor of the Universalist church of Bethel, officiated. The ceremony was impressive, the double ring service being used. The bridal gown was an exquisite creation of white chiffon and old rose peau de soie. The bride carried a large bouquet of English violets. Following the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The bride, is one of Bethel's most esteemed young ladies, has been much in society and has a host of friends in Bethel and elsewhere. She is a sister of Mrs. Ellery C. Park of Bethel and for some years has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Park. The groom is well known throughout Oxford county as a successful business man. He is a large operator in lumber and is prominently connected with Bethel's business interests. The wedding gifts included a pretty collection of silver, cut glass, china, pictures, etc. The going away dress was a natty suit of gray with a pretty French felt hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Kilborn left Wednesday afternoon for Boston, New York, Buffalo and other places of interest, including a trip through a part of the middle West, returning to Bethel where they will make their home.

D. O. Philbrook was in Portland Saturday.

Miss Eva Twaddle visited friends at North Bethel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter are spending a few weeks in Bethel.

Mr. Geo. E. King came down from Cupsuptic Saturday to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. F. L. Edwards and Miss Jane Gibson are spending the week in Portland.

Miss Hester Kimball, who has just closed her school at East Bethel, visited friends here, last week.

Misses Mary E. and Henrietta Douglas and Mrs. Kittredge visited their aunt, Miss M. E. Locke, last week.

New line of Silkaline for 11c. a yard, also new Hamburgs and Neckwear just opened at E. E. Burnham's.

Miss Mabel Brooks of Milton Plantation visited her brother, Willie Brooks, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. King, last week.

Dr. J. A. Morton has been suffering very much during the past few days. He is feeling somewhat better now and a speedy relief is hoped for by his many friends.

The schedule of premiums of the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Topsham is being printed at the News office. It will be a booklet of some sixty pages and will present an attractive appearance in comparison with like books of most agricultural societies. The Sagadahoc people, evidently have an eye to business and believe that one way to attract people to their big fair is to produce attractive advertising, and if we were to say that the reason why they sent their schedules to us this year is because they have observed that we have a reputation abroad for superior workmanship, it perhaps would sound like boasting so we won't say it. Ask them how they happened to go way up to Bethel for their printing.

The Webb of Fate,

Is the name of the strong serial story which we have purchased, and which will begin in our next issue. Subscribe to-day so as to start with the first number of the story and at the same time help one of these young people get to St. Louis.

Rev. H. N. Pringle, Secretary of the Maine Civic League, delivered a very interesting address at the M. E. church last Sunday evening. The three churches participated in the exercises and a good sized audience was had. Mr. Pringle gave many interesting and encouraging incidents in connection with the progress of temperance and the working of prohibition in Maine, and gave various comparisons to show that there is not only much less liquor sold in Maine than in other States, but that there is much less sold to-day than formerly in our own State. He also told of the workings of the Civic League, and during his stay in town he received very substantial and gratifying aid toward the noble work which the League is doing.

Nothing More Dangerous

Than Cutting Corns. The Foot-Ease Salicylic Corn Plasters cure by absorption. Something entirely new. The salicylic acid vapors do the work. Sold by all druggists 25c. or by mail. Sample mailed FREE. Address: Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

Lyman Wheeler, Bethel, 513
Harry Furrington, Bethel, 459
Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel, 425
Gotthard Carlson, Bethel, 125

MARRIED.

In Poland, Feb. 10, by Rev. F. E. Barton, Guy M. Cobb and Maggie M. Brown, both of Poland.

Gould's Academy.

The members of the Senior class will read essays before the school next Friday afternoon beginning at two o'clock. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

The fourth annual Fair and sale was the most successful from a financial standpoint of any thus far held, nearly \$120 being realized. This money will be expended under the direction of a committee, composed of the teachers and a representative from each of the four classes, for whatever shall seem to be for the best interest of the school on a whole, the library to receive first consideration.

The winter number of the Academy Herald will go to press in a few days. Efforts have been made to make this, the banner number in point of size and general interest. Letters from our boys in college, pen drawings by the Herald's special artist, cuts of prominent alumni, editorial board, basket ball teams, class officers, and Bethel seahs will lend attractiveness and interest to the volume. Price per copy by mail 18c; address the principal or business manager.

Now that the Fair is a thing of the past, rehearsals for the Prize Declamations are being carried on regularly in the gymnasium. Good music is being prepared for the occasion, and no pains will be spared to keep the evening's entertainment up to the standard of former years. It has been the aim in the past to give as many of the students as possible the advantage of the drill and experience, which is the chief benefit to be derived from these contests, and in the effort to do this the programmes have been necessarily long, especially when declamations of more than ordinary length have been selected by the students; but accepting the criticism made last year as voicing the public sentiment, the number of speakers has been reduced from twelve to eight, hence the programme this year ought not to be wearisome, as it should not exceed one and one fourth hours in length. The following competent judges will award the prizes: Supt. Alton C. Wheeler, South Paris; Supt. Warren L. Churchill, Leeds Junction; Rev. Isabella McDuff, Berlin, N. H. Tickets will be on sale at Wiley's Drug Store, Saturday, Feb. 20, usual prices. The full programme will be given next week.

G. A. Fair and Entertainment.

The annual Fair, under the auspices of the teachers and students of Gould's Academy, was held in Garland chapel Friday afternoon and evening. Much planning and executive ability were necessary in order that the chapel should present such a pretty appearance as it did; but many fingers make light work and at the appointed time everything was in readiness for visitors.

The candy table presided over by the Freshmen, the picture table by the Sophomores, the domestic table by the Juniors, the fancy work table by the Seniors, and the Alumni table all received a due share of attention but the one yielding the most for the object for which the Fair was planned proved to be the picture table.

At six o'clock a large number of the town's people assembled to partake of the bountiful supper which was served in the dining room below. Following the supper a social hour was enjoyed.

The entertainment which consisted of readings, solos, instrumental and vocal, drills by the pupils and the laughable farce "The Greatest Plague in Life," was a success in every way and much credit is due those who had it in charge.

The receipts of the afternoon and evening amounted to \$120 and will be used for the benefit of the library and reading room. Mr. Melville Day, of New York an alumnus of the Academy very generously donated a valuable collection of books as his part.

Correspondents.

If we will say please, real pretty won't you send us a little more news? Of course, it is hard to manufacture news during such a winter as this but we will all do the best we can. Let us get all that's gettable and get it early.

Universalist Church Notes.

Sunday, at the Universalist Church, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Colson gave an excellent sermon on "The Bible." This was the third in the Mid-Winter and Lenten series. A mixed choir of eight voices provided excellent music. Miss Marguerite Finney rendered a pleasing solo. Next Sunday evening the second in the series of vesper services will be held in the church at 7.30 o'clock. Special music will be furnished and there will be a short address by the pastor upon "Loyalty to Self." It is hoped that all who can will show their appreciation of the effort that is being made, by being present at these services. Next Sunday morning the topic for the discourse will be "Hell; What and Where is It." Those who have heard the discourses upon the previous special topics will be interested to hear this one discussed.

The Passing of William Tyler.

On the early morn of February 15th at his home in the edge of Bethel, near Mason, William Tyler, an aged resident of the town, passed to his reward. He was born in Fryeburg Academy Grant, January 23, 1819, being, therefore slightly beyond eighty-five years of age. He had been thrice married, the last wife being Dolly Ann Payne who survives him. Children born to the previous unions have passed on, but the offspring of the last union, Mr. Fritz Tyler, a young man of much promise, now thirty years of age and well-known in Bethel and the surrounding regions, still lives and resides on Summer street in this village.

Mr. William Tyler was converted in a revival at Windsor, Maine, when about nineteen years of age. He joined the M. E. church in Mason during the pastorate of Rev. Isaac Moar in 1839.

His parents were Nathaniel and Eunice Tyler, and it is supposed that said Nathaniel was a cousin or more distant relative to President Tyler. There were nine children of whom only one is now left, she residing in Windsor.

For about two years or more Brother Tyler has been confined to the house and most of the time to the bed. His pastor visited him not long since and found him in a frame of mind to very much enjoy the singing and prayer, and heard him shout, "Glory," during the visit. Through long years, through changes, through wanderings, the experience of youth in Christian religion was not forgotten and came to comfort him at the end.

May he rest under the snows which blow upon and the sun that shines upon the cemetery where he was laid on Tuesday, with the roads almost impassable and the snow deep upon the grave. The church to which he belonged is opposite the cemetery; the society is fast fading out by physical dissolution, removals and, sad to say, some spiritually dying. While the aged die, God grant that those living may be revived that the work may go on.

The widow is an earnest Christian and will reside at Bethel with the son who has so faithfully in every instance, cared for father and mother. We shall be glad to have her bright, cheery face with us, and to hear her testimony to the greatness of the grace of God.

NOTICE

To Boston Herald Readers.

Merton L. Kimball, Esq., of Norway, is Oxford county's candidate for one of the Boston Herald's free trips to the St. Louis Exposition. He is a young man whom the News is glad to help in this contest, and we earnestly request any and all readers of the Herald in our vicinity to take the trouble to cut out the coupons and send them to the News office, and we will see that Mr. Kimball gets them. He stands well in his class and we hope that he may be the fortunate one. Let us assist him.

E. C. BOWLER.

On these cold dark mornings it is hard to

WAKE UP!

An alarm clock might help you. I have clocks at all prices and can meet your needs.

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BETHEL, MAINE.

E. C. Vandenkerckhoven.

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BETHEL, MAINE.

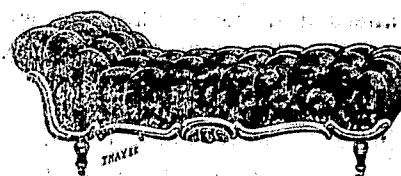
Valentines

This year these tokens of love are prettier than ever before. All the

Novelties

are to be found at

Miss L. C. Hall's,
BETHEL, MAINE.



THIS HANDSOME COUCH and 200 other Premiums.

Given with assortment of our Soaps, Extracts, Spices, Tea, Coffee, Toilet Goods and Standard Groceries. Send at once for our big catalogue of premiums.

HOME SUPPLY COMPANY,

Dep. P. Augusta, Me.

Shared.

I said it in the meadow path,
I say it on the mountain stairs—
The best thing any mortal hath
Are those which every mortal shares.
The air we breathe—the sky—the breeze—

The light without us and within—
Life, with its unlocked treasures—
God's riches—are for all to win.
The grass is softer to my tread
For rest it yields; unnumbered feet
Swooner to me the wild rose
Because she makes the whole world sweet.

Into your heavenly loneliness
Ye welcomed me, O solemn peaks!
And me in every guest you bless
Who reverently your mystery seeks.
And up the radiant peopled way,
That opens into world's unknown,
It will be life's delight to say,
"Heaven is not heaven for me alone."
Rich through my brother's property?
Such wealth were hideous! I am blest
Only in what they share with me,
In what I share with all the rest.
—Lucy Larcom.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by druggists 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Adamson's Botanic Balsam

will break up a Cold, Stop a Cough, Allay Inflammation, Reduce Swollen Tonsils, Heal Sore Throat and Prevent serious complications, which lead to consumption. We have over 30,000 testimonials. It never fails. Sold by all druggists.

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If you want to discontinue your paper, write to the publisher yourself, and don't leave it to the postmaster.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1904.

Small Pox Situation.

Several weeks ago our village was somewhat startled by the announcement that small pox had made its appearance again this winter and that the first patient had exposed several of our people before physicians had passed decision upon the case.

The Board of Health was at once in evidence and left no stone unturned in their persistency to thoroughly investigate the matter and carefully guard against all possibility of its spreading. In this they acted in harmony with public sentiment and were accordingly fully justified for their action. Quarantine them! Don't run any risk! were the street orders to the Board of Health. A few days passed; the excitement abated, as excitement will; the whole community did not come down with small pox, and the advisability of further quarantine was questioned by a few of our people. One very mild case about which the doctors had some question became a subject of some discussion. Each and every circumstance surrounding the case was indicative of small pox and although there was some question even in the mind of Dr. Sturdivant, chairman of the Board of Health, yet, considering all the circumstances and being the one who must bear the consequences whatever they might be, he decided to quarantine the case and await results. The results have come. In this same house, one of those quarantined men has come down with the most severe case of small pox that has yet developed.

The News would heartily commend the members of the Board of Health for their action in this matter from start to finish. We admire their judgment and real backbone in knowing their duty and doing it when the welfare of the town and even those who criticised their action was at stake. Had they swerved from duty and raised the quarantine from the house in question and allowed our village to become infected with small pox, they would to-day be subjects of severe censure and ridicule, but such was not the case, and since they stood firm, although it may have "cost the town an hundred dollars," and although street talk may have been somewhat nauseating at times, may we not be equally free with our words of approval.

It is always easier for men to do their whole duty when left free to act upon their best judgment than it is when a constant pressure is brought against them from those who are not supposed to know anything of the circumstances which govern their actions. A most important responsibility rests upon each and every town's Board of Health; we rely upon it for protection from such contagious diseases as we have in our midst at the present time, and since we in Bethel have it proven that we have men who will do their faithful duty, though some are inclined to administer harsh criticism, may we not suppose that they will do the same and perhaps better if let alone, and may we not confidently rest our case with them in the future, at least until there is some cause for exceptions.

What Are They?

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. A new remedy for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and a good one. Price 25 cents. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbels, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Salt Rheum

It may become chronic.

It may cover the body with large, inflamed, burning, itching, scaling patches and cause intense suffering. It has been known to do so.

Do not delay treatment.

Thoroughly cleanse the system of the humors on which this ailment depends and prevent their return.

The medicine taken by Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Corn Point, Me., was Hood's Sarsaparilla. She writes: "I had a disagreeable itching on my arms which I concluded was salt rheum. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and in two days felt better. It was not long before I was cured and I have never had any skin disease since."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is positively unequalled for all cutaneous eruptions. Take it.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

There are now 20 cities in Maine and it is possible that five more may be added in the next year or two—Brunswick, Sanford, Rumford Falls, Houlton and Skowhegan.

No longer can the residents of Bucksport boast that it is an open port all the year around. For a quarter of a century this may have been true, but the statement no longer holds good. Bucksport is closed to the outside world as far as journeying on the water is concerned.

It is reported by Dr. J. F. True & Co. of Auburn, Me., that 11,989 bottles of Dr. True's Elixir were sold during January in the New England States alone. The steadily increasing sale of this well-known remedy seems to indicate that the prophet is sometimes hoaxed in his own country after all.

Bath finds herself in the unusual condition of being bottled up, so far as water communication with the sea is concerned, but it is to be noted that her harbor was almost the last along this coast to be sealed by the cold of the most rigorous winter New England has experienced in years. The blockade will probably not be of long duration, as the severe weather cannot last much longer, and is not likely to be repeated soon, since the intense cold which has been almost unbroken since early winter is entirely unprecedented and not likely to recur for many years.

This cold weather story comes from Mapleton: Some of the old pioneers say they used to have some very cold weather here when they first came. They tell of taking a block of ice and making a trough to water the cattle in, which would last until May; also of the tea kettle boiling over on a red hot stove and the water rolling on to the floor like shot, frozen solid. The Parkhurst correspondent in Aroostook says, referring to the above: That is correct; when I was a boy we used to have a big open fire in the old log cabin, and I have seen them use a big icicle all winter for a poker stick.

Have You Indigestion?

If you have Indigestion, Kodol, Dyspepsia Cure will cure you. It has cured thousands. It is curing people every day—every hour. You owe it to yourself to give it a trial. You will continue to suffer until you do try it. There is no other combination of digestants that digest and rebuild at the same time. Kodol does both. Kodol cures, strengthens and rebuilds. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

The Happy Home.

Love grows by sacrifice. We love deeply the one for whom we labor with unremitting effort. The most persistent doers are the most ardent lovers, and the home where mutual service is eliminated by the perfection of salaried assistance loses a certain fine spiritual power over its inmates which cannot be replaced. In this way the darning of stockings, the concoction of puddings are of spiritual efficiency, and the roof under which the man of the house builds a chair, and his wife covers it, is a much happier spot than that in which nothing more vital is ever done than the reading aloud of Shakespeare.—Boston Transcript.

Amount of Food to Eat.

How shall one determine then, how much food to eat? Too much mystery has been thrown about this subject. Let your sensations decide. It must be kept in mind that the entire function of digestion and assimilation is carried on without conscious supervision or concurrence. It should be entirely unfeeling and unknown, excepting by the feeling of bien-être, which accompanies and follows its normal accomplishment. Satiety is bad. It implies a sensation of fullness in the region of the stomach, and that means that too much food has been taken. The exact correspondence, in a healthy animal, between the appetite and the amount of food required is extraordinary. As a rule, the meal, unless eaten very slowly, should cease before the appetite is entirely satisfied, because a little time is required for the outlying organs and tissues to feel the effects of the food that has been ingested. If too little has been taken, it is easy enough to make it up at the next meal, and the appetite will be only better and the food more grateful.

No one was ever sorry for having voluntarily eaten to little, while millions every day repent having eaten too much. It has been said that the one great lesson homeopathy taught the world was this: That, whereas physicians had been in the habit of giving the patient the largest dose he could stand, they have been lead to see that their purpose was better subserved by giving him the smallest dose that would produce the desired effect. And so it is with food. Instead of eating, as most people unfortunately do, as much as they can, they should eat the smallest amount that will keep them in good health.—Century Magazine.

HOW HYOMEL HELPS THE HEALTH.

Kills the Germs of Grip, Catarrh and Colds. "Costs Nothing if It Fails," Says G. R. Wiley.

Now that Hyomel can be obtained in nearly every town and city in the country, it is possible to buy from druggists a health-giving climate to be carried in the purse or pocket. By breathing it a few minutes four times a day you can soon cure grip, coughs, colds and even the worst and most chronic cases of catarrh.

G. R. Wiley has seen so many remarkable cures made by the Hyomel treatment, that he sells it with the positive agreement to return the money if it fails, to cure. A complete outfit costs but \$1, and consists of the pocket inhaler, medicine dropper and sufficient Hyomel to last several weeks.

It effects a cure in the worst catarrhal troubles and if breathed at the commencement of a cold or the grip, will check it quickly and prevent sickness. Extra bottles of Hyomel can be obtained for 50c.

When breathed through the inhaler, the germ-killing and health-giving Hyomel goes to the most remote cells of the throat and lungs, killing all the catarrhal germs, soothing the irritated mucous membrane and vitalizing the blood with ozone.

At this season of the year, every one should have a Hyomel outfit to prevent and cure catarrhal troubles, and ward off attacks of grip, pneumonia and similar germ diseases.

FREE VACCINATION.

Any of the inhabitants of Bethel who desire Free Vaccination will be provided with the same if they will call at the office of Dr. G. L. Sturdivant or the office of Dr. I. H. Wight in Bethel village.

Per order
BOARD OF HEALTH,
Bethel, Feb. 1, 1904.

Healthy Children

It needs only a little watchfulness to keep children in good health. Look for the symptoms of little ailments, and treat them promptly to ward off more serious sickness.

Dr. True's ELIXIR

Is the great remedy for childhood complaints. For stomach and bowel troubles, indigestion, constipation, poor appetite, fever and worms it is unequalled. It cures croup, whooping cough, measles, mumps, scarlet fever, all kinds of throat and lung troubles that are traced usually to the stomach and bowels. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of children. Over 30 years in use. Beware of cheap imitations. Write for free booklet, "Children and Their Diseases." DR. F. TRUE & CO., Auburn, Me.

News' Excursion

TO THE

St. Louis Exposition
AND
NIAGARA FALLS

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

- | | Votes. |
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| 1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count..... | 1 |
| 2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count..... | 100 |
| 3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count..... | 40 |
| 4. Each dollar paid on arrearsages by present subscribers will count..... | 25 |
| 5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count..... | 50 |
| 6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count..... | 25 |
| 7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count..... | 25 |

CONDITIONS.

- Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.
1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
 2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come under another name in the same family.
 3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrears and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
 4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present subscribers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
 5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
 6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
 7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For

Address

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$150,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 5,700,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 1,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 105,524.44
Agents' Balances, 375,119.46
Interest Accrued, 794,460.00
All other Assets, 2,028.14
Total Admitted Assets, \$8,164,123.90
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,164,123.90
W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,
South Paris, Maine.

THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.

New York, N. Y.
Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$1,500,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 1,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 1,171,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,171,000.00
Agents' Balances, 1,000,000.00
Bills Receivable, 1,000,000.00
Interest and Rents, 1,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$8,164,123.90
Deduct items not admitted, 1,000,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$7,164,123.90
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,164,123.90
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

U. S. BRANCH SUN INSURANCE OFFICE of London, England.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$500,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 5,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 5,000,000.00
Agents' Balances, 5,000,000.00
Interest and Rents, 5,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$25,000,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 5,000,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$20,000,000.00
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$20,000,000.00
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

THE AMERICAN FIRE INS. CO., Philadelphia.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$300,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 3,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 3,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 3,000,000.00
Agents' Balances, 3,000,000.00
Interest and Rents, 3,000,000.00
All other Assets, 3,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$15,000,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 3,000,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$12,000,000.00
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,000,000.00
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

LONDON & LANCASHIRE FIRE INS. COMPANY, of Liverpool, England.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$200,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 2,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 2,000,000.00
Agents' Balances, 2,000,000.00
Interest and Rents, 2,000,000.00
All other Assets, 2,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$10,000,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 2,000,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$8,000,000.00
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$8,000,000.00
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY, Norwich, England.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$100,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 1,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 1,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances, 1,000,000.00
Interest and Rents, 1,000,000.00
All other Assets, 1,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$5,000,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 1,000,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$4,000,000.00
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,000,000.00
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

THE FRANKLIN FIRE INS. CO., of Philadelphia.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$50,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 500,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 500,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 500,000.00
Agents' Balances, 500,000.00
Interest and Rents, 500,000.00
All other Assets, 500,000.00
Gross Assets, \$2,500,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 500,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$2,000,000.00
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,000,000.00
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$25,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 250,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 250,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 250,000.00
Agents' Balances, 250,000.00
Interest and Rents, 250,000.00
All other Assets, 250,000.00
Gross Assets, \$1,250,000.00
Deduct items not admitted, 250,000.00
Admitted Assets, \$1,000,000.00
LIABILITIES Dec. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$217,977.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,380,613.50
All other Liabilities, 97,067.17
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,465.44
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,000,000.00
F. E. LAND HOWE, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hartford, Conn.

(Incorporated in 1867.)
Amount at Risk, \$11,000,000.00
CASH ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$500,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 5,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,000,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 5,000,000.00
Agents' Balances, 5,000,000.00
Interest and Rents, 5,000,000.00
All other Assets, 5,000,000.00
Gross Assets, \$25,000,000.00
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Doan's Kidney Pills

relieve a bad back and cure every kidney and bladder trouble.

Mrs. C. F. Goodnow, living in the New England States, gave a testimonial in the Boston Herald, touching the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills, and in the statement said: "I have been troubled with my back for over thirteen years, not when I caught cold, not when I caught the flu, not when I caught the measles, not when I caught the small pox, not when I caught the scarlet fever, not when I caught the diphtheria, not when I caught the typhoid fever, not when I caught the cholera, not when I caught the dysentery, not when I caught the malaria, not when I caught the yellow fever, not when I caught the plague, not when I caught the smallpox, not when I caught the measles, not when I caught the scarlet fever, not when I caught the diphtheria, not when I caught the typhoid fever, not when I caught the cholera, not when I caught the dysentery, not when I caught the malaria, not when I caught the yellow fever, not when I caught the plague, not when I caught the smallpox, not when I caught the measles, not 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Indigestion Causes Catarrh of the Stomach.

For many years it has been supposed that Catarrh of the Stomach caused indigestion and dyspepsia, but the truth is exactly the opposite. Indigestion causes catarrh. Repeated attacks of indigestion inflame the mucous membranes lining the stomach and expose the glands to secrete mucus instead of the juices of natural digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach.

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relieves all inflammation of the mucous membranes lining the stomach, protects the nerves, and cures bad breath, sour, isings, a sense of fullness after eating, indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles.

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Make the Stomach Sweet.
Bottles only. Regular size, \$1.00, holding 2½ times the trial size, which sells for 50 cents.
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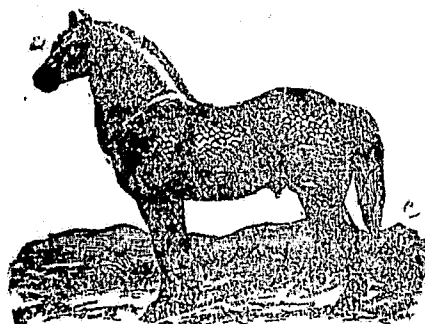
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our carriage department. Heavy team
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HAIR BALM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair.
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The Inspiration of Lincoln's First Thanksgiving Proclamation.

"Abraham!" called a voice, scarcely audible. The speaker lay on her humble cot, dying. The young wife of a pioneer backwoodsman, she was sacrificing her life to its fortitude. The pioneer's "shack" was without windows, and its doors stood open to the sunlight, which danced on the floor of trampled earth. It contained a few stools made of roughly hewn boards but no chairs; a few dishes, but no cupboard.

Without, the restless wings of woodbirds glimmered as they fluttered through the sun-flooded trees. A boy, almost destitute of clothing, who had been watching them, answered his mother's call.

"What is it?" he asked, in a troubled voice, as he hastened to her side.

She drew him into the loving folds of her feeble arms, and said, in a voice weak and tremulous, yet still thrilling with a mother's love and hope: "I am going to leave you, Abe—and—O, how hard it is to part with you! How beautiful it is out doors! It is beautiful wherever God is, and I am going to meet Him in a brighter world than this. I learned to love him at the old camp meetings, and I want you to learn to love Him, too. 'I have not had much to make me happy,' she continued still more slowly, and with a heavy sigh. 'I have not had a great deal to make me happy—far less than some folks have had—but my voice has never failed to rise in praise whenever a feeling of thanksgiving has come to me.

"Abraham Lincoln, you have my heart. I am thankful God gave you to us. Love everybody, hinder nobody, and the world will be glad some day that you were born. This is a beautiful world to the loving and believing. I am grateful for life, for everything; but, more than all else, because you have my heart."

"But he can't sing, Nancy!" A tall pioneer in buckskin stood in the cabin doorway. He saw death's shadow in the sunlight that fell on the floor. He had added a ripple of laughter to his words, for he wanted to cheer his wife's deathbed. Then he repeated his words still more kindly, "But he can't sing like you Nancy."

"The heart sings in many ways," she replied very feebly. "Some hearts make other hearts sing. Abraham may not have my voice, but he has my heart and he may make others sing. I am going now."

The cool October wind rustled among the great trees, causing their leaves to ripple like the waves of the sea, wimpling and dimpling under the whispering wind. The woman turned her head toward the split logs that formed one of the walls of the cabin. Nervously her fingers twitched the coverlet; once she opened her eyes; once she said softly, O, so softly, "My Abraham!" Once she tried to lift herself to see him; once—she trembled—and then lay still.

"She's gone, Abr'am!" The father and son made her coffin with their own hands, and

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

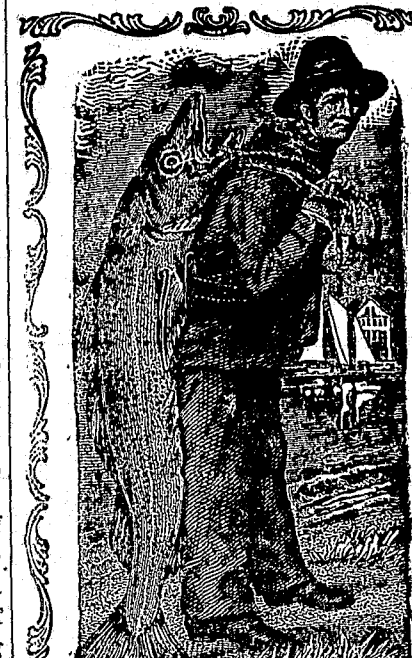
Kidney trouble causes quick or uneasy heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

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buried her under the trees. Poor little Abraham could say nothing. He had been used to hardships, but this seemed more than he could endure. Something seemed to be knocking him. He tried to look into his father's face for sympathy, but his tear-dimmed eyes only found in it the newly made grave.

It was a rude grave when it was finished, but since then the people of Indiana have honored the memory of its occupant. A monument lifts its marble whiteness toward the sky, and pilgrims kneel at its base, with prayers of thanksgiving. But long before this, long before her motherhood became sacred to the great nation, a ragged, hatless boy sat on the grass green mound and dreamed, and listened in memory to the songs she had sung.

II.
The battle of Gettysburg had been fought and won, and on July 4, 1863, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, issued a proclamation to the people which contained these memorable words, "The President especially desires that on this day, He whose will, not ours, should evermore be done, be everywhere remembered and revered with profoundest gratitude."

The heart of his mother had inspired him once more.

Great crowds serenaded him at the white House. Shouting multitudes swarmed over the green slopes. Old Glory rippled in the breeze, and, afar, the cannon of victory shook the magnolia-covered hills.

Lincoln looked out upon the sea of humanity. His face was dark with sorrow and wrinkled with care. Slowly it beamed with a light of love and the warmth of human kindness. He began to speak. The multitude ceased cheering.

"I sincerely thank God for the occasion of this call."

None but he heard in the words the tones of that mother who was looking on him from the home of the angels. It was the same tone that had been heard so often in the shack cabin beneath the flaming maples.

III.

One day, while seated in his private office in Washington, the past moved panorama like before, him. He saw the wigwag of his father the far-stretching prairie, the oaks, the pines, and the maples that surrounded his boyhood's home, the cot where his mother died. He could hear her dying words anew. In the long remembered tones of boyhood and youth

that had come to him like the echoes of the reverent minors of an anthem sent heavenward; like soft, sweet notes of peace trombling through the throbs of a mighty song of triumph, increasing its grandeur by contrast; they came to him with the soul compelling force of a mother's benediction.

Then he saw life. He saw the nation's life in his own. He heard the name of Lincoln ringing everywhere. His mother's heart seemed to have gone into the hearts of the people, and the notes were notes of praise.

He must issue a Thanksgiving proclamation. It was imperative, for the war had already ushered in the dawn of emancipation. It was issued on Oct. 3, in Gettysburg's memorable year; just about the anniversary of his mother's death. It gave new life to the old American custom that has set aside the last Thursday in November as a respite in toil for a nation's gratitude to be expressed.

His mother's heart beat in unison with his when he wrote that proclamation, and his heart was the heart of the people.—Success.

World's Fair Arrangements.

Mr. G. T. Bell, of the Grand Trunk Railway System, has returned from the American General Passenger and Ticket Agents' Special Convention at St. Louis, at which World's Fair arrangements and excursions were considered by the transportation lines of the country in a preliminary way, in conjunction with the St. Louis terminal railroads and the Executive of the Exposition. This consultation will aid materially the various passenger traffic associations in dealing with the subject definitely and more in detail. It was recognized at St. Louis that the conditions would require each group of lines to act separately and for this purpose the New England, Trunk Line and Central Passenger Associations are meeting in New York this week.

At the Banquet tendered by the Business Men's League of St. Louis, to the Visiting Officials, Mr. Bell spoke in behalf of the Canadian lines which were complimented by the World's Fair officials for the comparatively large amount of publicity already given with the object of promoting the success of the Fair, upon which there has already been spent by the Exposition Company fifteen million dollars, aside from the millions being spent by each State and Territory, foreign countries, individual exhibitors and concessionaires, which will bring the total up to fifty millions. Mr. Bell's announcement that the Grand Trunk would operate during the Fair a double daily service between Canada's metropolis, Montreal, and St. Louis passing through the leading cities of the Dominion including Toronto, Hamilton, London, etc., was greeted with much satisfaction by the business men and officers of the Fair present at the banquet.

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Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Bastard, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, for I have used it with perfect success. My child, Garland, is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief."

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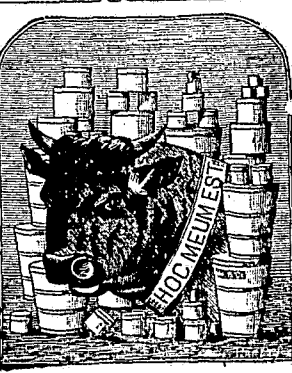
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WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Still more clouds than sunshine. Mrs. N. R. Springer is in poor health.

Miss Lulu Mason was quite ill last week.

What boy in West Bethel desires a free trip to the St. Louis Exposition?

Miss Ethel L. Allen went to Gilead Saturday, and stayed over Sunday.

Dr. J. A. Twaddle of Bethel Hill is in this village nearly every day.

Miss Mina Tyler visited relatives in Lewiston last week, returning home Saturday.

Samuel O. Grover of Mason is the cream gatherer on this route, and is seldom snow bound.

Miss Grace E. Mason, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mason, of this village, died Saturday, Feb. 6, of quick consumption, aged fourteen years.

"We've laid her in her beauty down, In her calm, dreamless sleep; She knows not of our aching hearts, She does not see us weep."

Had a thaw come in January and three or four feet of snow fallen during one storm about the middle of this month instead of that number of inches, this might have been called "an old fashioned winter," but it is really more of a modern mongrel.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

NEWRY.

Arthur Brink visited Harry Powers last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Frost was at Don Smith's last Saturday.

H. S. Hastings has been quite ill, but is better now.

Mrs. Effie Thurston Stevens and husband were at her home here over Sunday. Her sister Edith returned to Lewiston with her.

The young ladies of North Newry will give a dance at Kilgore's hall on Thursday evening, March 3.

Relief in One Minute.

One minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never-failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Catherine C. Briggs has been home from her work in Lewiston because of illness.

Paris Grange will have a Valentine dinner, Saturday. State Secretary Libby has been invited.

Alton L. Curtis of North Paris has been secured as overseer of the town farm for next year.

Albert D. Park was in Rumford Falls, Tuesday, attending the regular session of Oxford Probate Court.

Services were conducted at the jail Sunday afternoon by Rev. Dr. W. E. Brooks.

Oscar Bowker of Portland is in town.

Dr. C. H. Spaulding of Boston is to lecture in the Baptist church Sunday evening; subject to be Facts, Faces and Forces.

Traverse jurors for the March term of Supreme court drawn for Paris are Geo. W. Frothingham and Pierce F. Wheeler.

Following the regular meeting of Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge Friday evening, an entertainment will be enjoyed.

Friday evening Jessie Clare Tolman entertained a large number of young people in honor of her guest, Clara Stinchfield, of Portland. The ever popular game of pit was played and a most delightful time is reported.

Adelbert Y. Locke of the Maine University Law School visited his sister, Mrs. L. M. Lunt, last week.

The best physic. "Once tried and you will always use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says William A. Gittard, Poase, Vt. These Tablets are the most prompt, the most pleasant and most reliable cathartic in use. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

LOCKE MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cross and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Cross' father, Lyman Martin, Friday, the 12th, at his late home near Greenwood City.

Frank Brooks was at W. H. Farnham's Saturday, for hay.

Mrs. Annie Emery has sold some of her pressed hay to Geo. Woodsum and Eben Lowe.

W. H. Farnham was in Bethel Friday.

William Smithurst attended the funeral of Lyman Martin.

Mrs. Henry D. Douglass is with her mother, Mrs. Annie Emery. Mr. Douglass works in Bethel and comes down on Sundays.

Mrs. Sylvia Hussey remains about the same—quite feeble.

Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success.

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ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Mrs. W. B. Cummings visited her daughter, Mrs. Fred Philbrook, Monday.

Harry McNally of Bryant Pond, was at Grover's Corner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Inman are visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. G. Beckler.

Mrs. Howard Allen is able to ride out. Her many friends are glad to learn of her recovery.

R. M. Ladies' Club met with Mrs. C. A. Grover Friday. It will meet with Mrs. F. H. Wardwell the 27th.

The L. B. T. Club met with Mrs. A. E. K. Grover Feb. 10, for an all day meeting. The forenoon was spent in music and conversation. After the dinner had been fully discussed, and the dishes washed, a short program was enjoyed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Estella Bean.
Vice President—Sybil Cummings.
Secretary—Ada Bean.
Treasurer—Dora Beckler.
Librarian—Alma Judkins.
Chorister—Gertie Sloan.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Frank Emery the 17th. Uncle William Chase celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday Monday. He said he guessed he could throw a fellow at arm's length.

Ambrose Wardwell and Bert Akers have finished working for Fred Scribner.

A. S. Cole is at home for a while. Ada Bean visited her sister, Mrs. Harry Sawin this week, at North Waterford.

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NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Most of the teams did not go out the 10th it was so cold and windy.

Rob Inman's family are at Swan's Corner while he is hauling timber.

The Stearns Brothers have exchanged their gasoline engine for a larger one.

Rural free delivery is much appreciated by the majority of farmers. Mr. Charles Valentine is the man with the mail.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25c.

NEWRY.

Albert Eames, who resides in Methuen, Mass., is very ill at C. A. Baker's. One physician pronounces it typhoid, another called it a severe case of grip. They wired for his wife to come at once, as he was very delirious and considered in a dangerous condition.

Orville Kilgore is also at Mr. Baker's laid up with a painful foot which was recently frozen. It is so bad that it is feared amputation will be necessary.

Dr. Twaddle has been vaccinating for the small pox wherever it has been desired, but sore arms have failed to result in near by families.



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Send us this advertisement and a circular taken from the GOLD MEDAL Flour package and we will send you next paid our Boy's Jack Knife. It has two cast steel blades, spring bolsters, Cocoa Sole handle and is fully warranted. If your dealer does not handle GOLD MEDAL Flour, send us this and four other GOLD MEDAL advertisements which will appear in this paper during the next four weeks, and give us your grocer's name and we will send you the knife without the circular from the GOLD MEDAL package. Address: BROWN & JOSSELYN, Portland, Me. Mention this paper.

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Feed your hair; nourish it; give it something to live on. Then it will stop falling, and will grow long and heavy. Ayer's Hair Vigor is the only

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Mrs. J. H. FIFEN, Colorado Springs, Colo.

for **Short Hair**

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. George K. Hastings loaded a car with cord-wood Monday.

Mr. Payson Rich of Auburn, was here on business last week.

Mr. George Haines contemplates a birthday on Feb. 29—the first for eight years.

Mr. W. C. Blake has gone to Boston with a carload of potatoes for which he paid seventy cents per bushel.

Mr. Lester Bean has gone to Dorchester, Mass., for a few weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. Dexter Mills and daughter, Miss Grace Mills of West Bethel, called on Percy Bartlett last Sunday.

J. Cleve Bartlett went to Portland Tuesday to consult Dr. Moulton regarding one of his eyes which is badly injured.

Mrs. Etta Bean has gone to Lawrence, Mass., called there by the illness of her niece, Miss Rilla Armitage, who was badly burned on her hands, arms and body by a live coal falling on her apron.

A Cure For Eczema.

My baby had Eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scabs, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any permanent good until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The Eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully again. I cannot give too much praise to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Frank Farmer, Bluff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits. DeWitt's is the original and the only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. C. DeWitt & Co. is on every box. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

BRYANT POND.

Mrs. Jane Billings died Feb. 9, after a long illness of cancer. She lived with her daughter, Mrs. Gerry Wing, who gave her faithful, loving care through her sickness, doing all she could to alleviate her severe suffering. She also leaves two sons, Orasmus, who lives in Boston, and Virgil in Indian Territory, whom she had not seen for a good many years. Mrs. Billings was a member of the Methodist church and of the Grange. The funeral services were at the Universalist church Friday morning at 10:30. The Grange attended in a body. The interment was at Lakeside cemetery.

Albert Mountfort has sold his stand to Samuel Sweetser, who is moving his family in with Mountfort's family. Mr. and Mrs. Mountfort are to move in the spring to West Poland and make their home with Mr. and Mrs. E. Libby.

Clarence Perham has bought the Sweetser farm. Jefferson Chapter, O. E. S., went to Bethel last week to assist Grand Deputy Pike in the organization of a chapter in that place. About a dozen ladies went, and reported a nice time.

Miss Eva McAllister is at Norway visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hill.

Under the auspices of the Golden Cross, the Canadian Jubilee Singers will give a first-class concert at Grange Hall, Saturday, evening, Feb. 20th. There are nine in the troupe and they come to us highly recommended and should be well patronized.

W. F. Staples and family are going to move into the Arthur Bessey house, lately vacated by David Hayes and wife.

Mrs. Isie Perkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Rowe.

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giving full postoffice and express address. The four free remedies will then be sent you at once, direct from laboratories, with full instructions for use in every case.

WANT COLUMN.

WHITE PINE, SECOND GROWTH OR SAPLING PINE, correspondence with parties having such on Stump, Timber Lots or in Bolts to Sell. Liberal Prices Paid. E. D. Douglass, 437 No. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 3w

OLD BOOKS WANTED.

Early editions of American authors, State and town histories. Address: Books, 360 No. Main St., Brewer, Maine.

Farm for Sale.

Farm of 120 acres situated in Hanover and well divided as to tillage, pasture and wood land. Two-story house of ten rooms, large ell and good barn with cellar under same. Good running water in house and barn. For particulars inquire of M. J. Swain on premises. 39

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To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write, OREN HOOPER'S SONS, Portland, Me. 31

Woodbury Homestead.

FOR SALE. The Woodbury Homestead on South Main Street, a large two story frame house with two story ell and stable attached. The house is heated by a furnace, and is supplied with water and drainage. Apply at once to Mr. J. U. PURINGTON, Bethel, Maine. 36

HEAVY TEAM HORSES FOR SALE.

We have a stock of heavy horses, and some good, sound, nice team horses for sale at prices that are satisfactory to the buyer. W. J. Wheeler & E. M. Thayer, 2m 28 South Paris, Maine.

WANTED.

Delivered at our factory in Bethel, the coming winter, One Million 1,000,000 feet long lumber, consisting of Pine, Spruce, Hemlock, Fir, Oak, Ash, Maple, Birch and Beech Logs; also One Thousand (1,000) cords of White and Silver Birch, cut four feet long. We pay CASH. We are also in the market for timber lots. 33 Bethel Manufacturing Co.

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Wanted.

Agents wanted in every town and city for the Orient Buckboard, an automobile that will be as popular as the bicycle. Low price and liberal commission. H. J. WILLARD, Portland, Maine.

PROBATE NOTICE.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates, heretofore named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered: That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in The Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

EPHRAIM BRYANT, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Henry H. Hastings, the executor therein named.

CHARLES S. BROWN, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands, presented by E. C. Park, administrator.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court. A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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Blossoms From Gethsemane.

Flowers from the Holy Land will be one of the interesting features that may be seen in the biblical botanical department at the World's Fair. The display will be novel, differing from the American florists' exhibits, in that all specimens are pressed and dried.

A curious thing about the flora of Palestine, says S. P. Forest, who will have charge of the display, is that while the wild flowers grow in the greatest profusion, domestic flowers cannot be cultivated there. The flowers now are therefore just as they were 1900 years ago and are the same as those which our Saviour saw.

The blooming season in Palestine lasts only from January to May, and in that trying climate the delicate blossoms wither and shrivel so quickly that the greatest expedition is necessary to press and dry them.

Question in Arithmetic

Here's one for your boys: If the painting costs two or three times as much as the paint, and one pint goes twice as far as another, how much are those two paints worth?

If Devos is worth \$1.50 or \$1.75 a gallon, how much is the other one worth?

How much is a gallon of paint worth anyhow?

The answer is: Depends on the paint.

The reason is: paint isn't always paint. There are true and false paint and short-measure.

How much is a short-measure gallon worth? How much is false paint worth? How much is Devos worth?

There are millions a year in the answer to this last one.

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Uncle—How do you like your Sunday school teacher?

Tommy—Oh, she's got good sense. She's smarter than Mom is.

Uncle—Indeed? So you believe in her, eh?

Tommy—Sure! Her an' me thinks alike. She says Sunday school don't do me no good.—Philadelphia Press.

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Mr. A. R. Kane, a prominent druggist of Baxter Springs, Kansas, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are, in my judgment, the most superior preparation of anything in use today for constipation. They are sure in action and with no tendency to nauseate or gripe." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Sowing Wheat.

Early sowing gives a chance for the plants to become well rooted, the better to endure the winter, but where the Hessian Fly abounds, this is offset by the longer season it is given to do its destructive work. This is a matter that must be governed by the locality. Except upon newly cleared land, wheat should not be sown broadcast. Not only is there a great saving of seed in using a drill, but that deposits the seed at an even depth, and secures a more regular stand.

When you feel blue and think that everything goes wrong, take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse and invigorate your stomach, regulate your bowels, give you a relish for your food and make you feel that in this old world is a good place to live. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

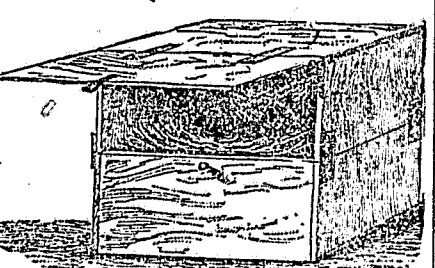
Co-operative Road Building.

The introduction of a bill into Congress providing \$24,000,000 for national aid to States in making and mending highways, is an indication of the country wide interest that is being shown in the subject, and the Governors of half-a-dozen States, in their first of the year messages to Legislatures, have given the matter of improved roads special attention. When Dickens visited America he found the stage road from the Potomac to Frederickburg to be "a series of alternate swamps and gravel pits." He described the passage of a Virginia swamp in this way: "We come to the spot, sink down in the mire nearly to the coach windows, tilt on one side at an angle of forty-five degrees, and stick there. The insides scream dismally, the coach stops, the horses flounder."

Governor Montague, in his message to the Virginia Legislature early in 1904, said of the State's roads: "Our different highways are a hindrance to the growth of our rural population and a bar to immigration." He recommended the State to begin the systematic construction and maintenance of public roads. And as Virginia is trying to level and put a bottom to her highways, so other States are taking up the same work. Governor Bates calls attention to the fact that Massachusetts has already laid out 505 miles of solid road, at an average cost of \$6000 a mile. In New York 484 miles have been constructed since 1898, when the State agreed to share the cost with the counties. New Jersey has been fortunate in stirring the communities to a proper appreciation of State aid, and her fine roads are numerous. Maryland's Legislature is considering a plan to aid counties to the extent of \$2,000,000 a year, to improve the highways. In South Carolina Governor Heywood believes that the Legislature is going far enough in authorizing the counties to bond themselves for the cost of road making.—Collier's Weekly.

Box for Setting Hen.

It may be made of two soap boxes, if other material is not at hand. The side of the top box should be taken off and a lid made of it, using strips of leather for hinges. To afford ventilation, either bore a few large holes on each side, near the top, or cut a small slit with a fine saw on each side near



SETTING BOX.

the top. The two boxes can readily be joined by pieces of leather, as shown in the illustration. The lower box should be nearly filled with earth and pressed down, so as to make a broad nest, which is to be covered with a little straw or hay. This box can be used either in-doors or out.

"The Light That Failed." She—They don't seem happy together. He once told me that his wife was the light of his life.



He—Ah—but the light was always going out. She—(catching the idea)—And leaving him entirely in the dark.—Punch.

NOTICE. The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of CALVIN BISHOP, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. Jan'y 19, 1904. Fannie W. Bishop.

NOTICE. The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of LYDIA U. WILLEY, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. Dec. 19, 1904. ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court. A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

OLD RIPLEY'S LONG VIGIL

A River Man Waiting and Hoping to be Drowned.

RIVER FRONT STORIES

Only One of This Family Left—All Loved the Water—Cannot Leave the Longshoreman's Life—One with a Bank Account, but Persists in Working as a Longshoreman.

"Old Ripley" was another Staten Island waterfront man with a history and a fortune. He had blue blood, besides, for he was descended from one of the old Huguenot families that settled on the island in the young years of America—a family of noble lineage.

He was the last of his family, because, he said, "love of the water keeps me from all other loves." But it is told on the island by those who knew "Old Ripley" that his love of the water was inspired by an unconquerable desire to be near the place where the betrothed of his young manhood lost her life while attempting to cross the Arthur Kill during a squall.

From that day "Old Ripley" neglected his business in New York and took to hanging around the wharf of the little suburb where his fiancée had embarked to her death. His friends, unable to make him forget, desisted after awhile, and then "Old Ripley" swiftly sank to the level in which he stayed for nearly thirty years.

He did odd jobs to keep body and soul together, but always near the water. He slept, summer and winter, as close to the water as he could get. And when he was neither working nor sleeping he could be found gazing out over the bay where the girl and her brother had drowned.

The only pleasure that "Old Ripley" ever permitted himself he indulged in whenever he was able to scrape up enough money to hire a boat for an hour or two, or was successful in pleading with some of his acquaintances for the loan of one.

Then he would pull out into the kill and furiously row up and down until worn out, when he would leisurely make the land and sink off, his uncut hair and long bristling beard flaring out in all directions.

"Old Ripley's" end was in keeping with his life. He rolled off the wharf on which he was sleeping one summer's night. They picked up his body several days later over on the opposite shore, and the old man's riverfront acquaintances, who were conversant with his romance, vowed that the body went ashore at the place where his sweetheart was making for when her boat capsized.

There is a river man in Pittsburgh who has been waiting for half of man's allotted span of years to be drowned in the Ohio. He believes implicitly that he will not, cannot, die any other way. His reason for his belief he states in a matter of fact way:

"The men of my family have been river men ever since they settled here in the latter part of the eighteenth century. They've all loved the water they've all lived by it, and they've all died in it. My great grandfather and one of his sons sank with a raft off Cincinnati. My grandfather was drowned, along with his wife and two daughters, in an explosion on the Monongahela, as the boat was about entering the Ohio.

"I saw my father knocked senseless off a coal barge during a fight, and he never rose above the Ohio's surface. Three years ago my brother and a cousin were capsized during a storm a piece down the river, and their bodies were found a week later.

"Now, I'm the only one of my family left, and the Ohio is waiting for me. It will get me some day just as sure as I'm talking to you and then, maybe, it'll be contented.

"Why don't I leave the river? I can't. It's got its hold on me. And what good would it do if I did try something else? I'd come back to the river some day, because I couldn't stay away, and then I'd be no better off.

The average longshoreman is not regarded as a man who would have much romance in his life, but a certain longshoreman in Philadelphia has had varied adventures all over the world.

Though a longshoreman, with a daily wage of something under \$2, he lives, not in one of the waterfront boarding houses that his fellow workers haunt, but in a second-rate hotel in the central part of the city, where the rates for rooms alone equal his earnings. He has been staying there for ten years, and whenever he pays his bill it is by check.

The first time that he offered a check it was politely refused.

"If you are afraid of it," smiled the man, "just call up the Bank and ask them about me."

The clerk did so, and this was the reply he got:

"Certainly, it's all right. He's good for many times that sum, any day." But who the man is, or where he has made his money, or why he persists in working as a longshoreman, no one can satisfactorily say. Those who know as much as this of his history believe him to be an Englishman, with blooded family ties. But that is only guess work, as are also their conjectures about his wealth.

And for his apparent relish for the rough work of a longshoreman they have no explanation except that which the man himself gives:

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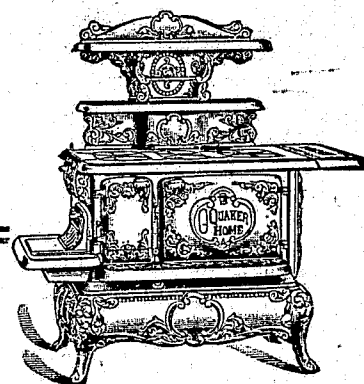
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